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1. INDOCHINA

VN TURNS OVER REMAINS 12 MIAS TO WOODCOCK MISSION (AP 3/19 WP, NYT, WSTAR; UPI 3/19 SUN, WP). SUN, WP, WSTAR (3/20) CARRY AP PIC CEREMONY AS REMAINS LOADED ON PLANE AT HANOI AIRPORT. WOODCOCK TELLS NEWS CONF ACCEPTED IN GOOD FAITH VN ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION TO ACCOUNT FOR MIAS; ADDS BELIEVES MISSION HELPED VN GOVT UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY VIEWS PRES/ADMIN; HOPES VISIT STARTED PROCESS THAT WILL IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR NORMALIZING RELS(AP 3/19 WP, NYT, WSTAR).

WOODCOCK MISSION ARRIVES VIENTIANE, GREETED BY LAOTIAN
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FONMIN. LOCAL PAPERS LINK MIA ACCOUNTING TO LAO REQUEST FOR US AID (AP 3/20 NYT, WP, WSTAR). PP BARS MISSION FROM VISITING CAMBODIA (AP 3/20 WP, WSTAR; PHINQ).

EXPRESSION HOPE FOR FUTURE RELS. ONLY TANGIBLE RESULT WAS RECOVERING REMAINS 12 US MIAS (CSM). BEFORE LEAVING LAOS MISSION CONFERRED W/PREMIER KAYSONE/PRES SOUPHANOUVONG BUT DETAILS NOT RELEASED. WOODCOCK TOLD PRESS AT CLARK AB THAT VN MADE POINT RE PROMISED HUMANITARIAN AID FROM US/HAD

NOT SET ASIDE NIXON'S PROMISED 3 BILLION DOLS RECONSTRUC-
TION AID AS PART C-F. ADDED VN/LAOS TOLD HIM NO
AMERICANS STILL IN CAPTIVITY, BUT HE EVADED QUESTION ON
WHETHER ANY STAYED BEHIND VOLUNTARILY (PHINQ). WOODCOCK
DECLARED MISSION SUCCESS. SAID RELEASE 1, BODIES WAS
SYMBOL HANOI'S GOODWILL (AP, WUN). MISSION SAID "NOTHING
HAS COME" OF LAOTIAN PROMISE LOOK FOR 550 REPORTED MIA
THERE. WOODCOCK HAS "HOPE FOR FUTURE," NOTHING MORE RE
LAOTIAN ATTITUDE. NOTED HANOI SET BASIS FOR FUTURE
PROCEEDINGS; "RECONSTRUCTION WAS DISCUSSED" IN VN BUT NO
DETAILS TO BE DISCLOSED UNTIL MISSION MAKES REPORT TO
PRES (UPI, NYDN).

MISSION ENDS INDOCHINA VISIT AFTER TAKING 1ST TENTATIVE
STEPS IMPROVE RELS W/LAOS/VN. LAOTIANS STRESSED
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN GETTING MIA INFO THO EXPRESSED
WILLINGNESS RECEIVE USG FILES ON MIAS; MISSION BELIEVED
CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATION TO PRES THAT US EQUIPMENT BE
SENT TO LAOS TO HELP CLEAR WAR DEBRIS. MISSION DENIED
OFFICIAL SUPPORT BEING GIVEN FOR REBELS/"HOSTILE ACTION"
VS LAOS (NYT SPEC).

DOD IDENTIFIES BODIES RETURNED BY VN (WP 3/19). RELIEF/
SADNESS GREET NEWS REMAINS' RETURN. TWO WHOSE REMAINS
RETURNED WERE REPORTED ALIVE ON GROUND/CAPTURED AFTER
PLANES HIT (AP, SUN 3/19). KIN VARY IN REACTION TO BODY
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RELEASE NEWS (DANIELS, WP 3/19). HOLT (WSTAR 3/19)
DESCRIBES REACTION BETHESDA FAMILY TO NEWS SON'S REMAINS
RETURNED. PHINQ, WP CARRY AP PIC CEREMONIAL RETURN
REMAINS HAWAII; NYDN HAS UPI FOTO SAME SCENE. DOD STARTS
STUDY REMAINS RETURNED BY HANOI TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTI-
FICATION (NYT SPEC; AP, SUN; UPI, NYDN).

VN WILL HOLD ELECTIONS IN SVN MAY TO CHOOSE ADMIN UNITS
AT VARIOUS LEVELS (REUTER, WP).

WP (3/19) HAS PIC 2 VN REFUGEES DRESSED AS PRISONERS
KNEELING IN FRONT WH DURING DEMONSTRATION BY VIETNAMESE
AD HOC CMTE ON HUMAN RTS.

OF 430 LAOTIAN STUDENTS IN FRANCE, 180 HAVE RETURNED
HOME IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL FROM VIENTIANE (AFP, WP).

2. JAPAN

FUKUDA ARRIVED WASHINGTON 3/20 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT DISCUSS
W/CARTER ECON POLICIES/PLANNED US TROOP PULLOUT KOREA
(AP, NYT; WP; WSJ;). CARTER/FUKUDA TO WORK OUT PROPOSALS
FOR COMING INDUSTRIAL NATION SUMMIT. PM TOLD REPORTERS
IN SEATTLE STOPOVER SATURDAY UNLESS US/JAPAN/FRG/OTHER

NATIONS CAN RECOVER, "WHOLE WORLD ECONOMY WILL DECLINE."
CARTER EXPECTED STRESS ADVERSE EFFECT JAPANESE IMPORTS,
ESPEC COLOR TVS/AUTOS, ARE HAVING ON US EMPLOYMENT.
PRES ALSO EXPECTED ASSURE FUKUDA US TROOPS KOREA WILL
BE WITHDRAWN ONLY IN MANNER NOT JEOPARDIZING EA POWER
BALANCE. OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE MAINTENANCE
ASIAN PEACE/NUKE DISARMAMENT/PEACEFUL USES ATOMIC POWER
(UPI, NYDN).

FROM TOKYO, CSM'S THARP REPORTS PM SAYS HIS ATTITUDE
WILL BE "FRIENDLY BUT INDEPENDENT" IN SUMMIT TALKS.
FUKUDA CONFIDENT HE WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVISING
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PRES ON HOW SHAPE US' ASIAN POLICIES. TOLD LDP MEMBERS
HE WOULD TRY PINPOINT EXACT ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES JAPAN
SHOULD TAKE W/US TO BAIL OUT WORLD ECONOMY. THARP SAYS
NOT EXPECTED TALKS WILL DETAIL CURRENT BILATERAL TRADE
PROBLEMS INVOLVING EXCESSIVE JAPANESE EXPORTS COLOR TVS/AU-
TOS/STEEL PRODUCTS, BUT INDUSTRIAL LEADERS MET W/PM IN
TOKYO IN PRE-SUMMIT CONSULTATIONS, ASKED HIM URGE CARTER
AVOID ADOPTING PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICIES.

CALIF GOV BROWN ACCEPTED CARTER INVITATION ATTEND WH
DINNER FOR FUKUDA/MAY STAY OVERNIGHT. GOV'S COS SAID
DINNER WOULD BE "WORKING MEETING" TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS
MUTUAL INTEREST (LAT 3/18).

JOC'S TELFER INTERVIEWS MITSUI'S US PRES GOTO, WHO STATES
THAT JAPANESE/US BUSINESSMEN WILL BENEFIT FROM ANY ECON
STIMULUS MORE THAN OTHER "WEAKER" TRADING PARTNERS LIKE
ITALY/UK. GOTO EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER TENDENCIES TOWARD
US PROTECTIONISM, SAYS AMERICANS SHOULD LOOK BEYOND US
TRADE DEFICIT/TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLOW JAPANESE FUNDS/JOB
CREATION FROM INVESTMENT BY JAPANESE FIRMS/TOURISM/SERVICES

JAPAN'S FEB OVERALL BOP SWUNG TO 460-MIL-DOL SURPLUS
AFTER SHOWING 846-MIL-DOL DEFICIT PREVIOUS MO. FEB EXPORTS
ROSE 22 PCT OVER LAST YR, WHILE IMPORTS INCREASED 10
PCT (REUTER LAT 3/18).

WP'S SAAR (OSAKA) REPORTS JAPAN'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN
HEADLONG RETREAT. OTHER SEA TEXILE MFRS CAPTURING TRADI-
TIONAL EXPORT MARKETS/SHIPPING INCREASING QUANTITIES INTO

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JAPAN ITSELF. INDUSTRY HEAVILY RELIES ON MANUAL LABOR/IM-
PORTED RAW MATERIALS, THUS IS VICTIM OF JAPAN'S TRANSITION
TO HIGH-WAGE/INDUSTRIALLY ADVANCED NATION. LAST YR,
817 TEXTILE FIRMS WENT BANKRUPT; SOME 300,000 DROPPED
FROM INDUSTRY'S PAYROLLS BETW '73-'75.

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"CMTE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN COLOR TV" (COMPACT), RUNS FULL-PG "OPEN LETTER" TO FUKUDA IN WP, URGING PM HALT "TRADING OFFENSIVE" MOST JAPANESE CORPS/TRADING COS CARRY-ING OUT AGAINST US INDUSTRIES/JOBS/COMMUNITIES.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION'S WHALE PROTECTION FUND ALSO RUNS FULL-PG "OPEN LETTER" TO FUKUDA IN WP, ASKING JAPAN END WHALING/BAN WHALE PRODUCTS IMPORTS FROM OTHER WHALING NATIONS/USE INFLUENCE AS WORLD POWER PERSUADE ALL NATIONS END COMMERCIAL WHALING. AD INCLUDES "CLIP OUT" PROTEST LETTER WHICH CAN BE SIGNED/SENT TO FUKUDA C/O JAPANESE EMB.

3. KOREA

NK'S SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEPUTY LI KYE-BAEK TOLD US CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO THURS THAT NK BELIEVES IT TIME FOR US "REASSESS" ITS KOREAN POLICY. ADDED NK "TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE" NUANCES OF CARTER POLICY "FROM THOSE OF HIS PREDECESSORS." LI ALSO ACCUSED PARK OF USING THREAT OF ATTACK FROM NORTH AS "ANTI-COMMUNIST BOGEY" TO JUSTIFY CONTINUED PRESENCE US TROOPS/PERPETUATE KOREA'S DIVISION. LI CRITICIZED CARTER'S DECISION HOLD PRIOR CONSULTATIONS W/JAPAN BEFORE US TROOP PULLOUT, SAYING "TANTAMOUNT TO THE JAPANIZATION" OF SK "AFTER IS DE-AMERICANIZATION" (AP, SUN 3/19).

UPI (LAT 3/18) REPORTS LI ALSO SAID "OBVIOUS" THAT NO REEXAMINATION KOREAN POLICY FORTHCOMING FROM WASHINGTON. STATED KIM IL SUNG HAD "STRONG INTEREST" WHEN CARTER PLEDGED WITHDRAW TROOPS DURING CANDIDACY, BUT NOW POSSIBLE CONCLUDE CARTER MADE PLEDGE "UNDER PUBLIC PRESSURE." COINCIDING W/LI STATEMENT, NKNA PUBLISHED SUMMARY EDITORIALS CRITICIZING CARTER'S KOREAN POLICY. THURSDAY'S ARTICLE BROKE NKNA'S 2-MO SILENCE ON USG/MARKED 1ST ARTICLE HOSTILE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO CARTER ADMIN. SPEAKING TO CABINET SESSION 3/18, PARK URGED SK GIVE UP TRADITIONAL RELIANCE ON US TROOPS FOR DEFENSE/DECLARED SKOREANS MUST HAVE GREATER SELF-CONFIDENCE IN NATL DEFENSE ABILITY. ADDED NEXT 4-5 YRS WOULD BE CRITICAL TIME FOR SK/STRESSED ROKG PREPARED HANDLE PHASED WITHDRAWAL (NYT 3/20).

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE "NEW JERSEY CONNECTION" TO ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME ON CAPITOL HILL. FOCUS OF INTEREST IS WEALTHY, POLITICALLY ACTIVE JERSEY CITY BUSINESSMAN SANG JIN KIM, WHO MADE VISIT TO WASHINGTON 7/75, DURING WHICH INTRODUCED 2 VISITING

KOREAN CONGRESSMEN TO NUMBER US COUNTERPARTS. HOST WAS NJ REP DANIELS, WHO RETIRED LAST YR. PROSECUTORS SAID LOOKING INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT CASH GIFTS DISPENSED DURING VISIT AND THAT KIM ACTED AS ROKG AGENT IN US. KIM DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS (OPPENHEIMER, WSTAR 3/20).

4. INDONESIA

INDONESIA'S US AMB NURYADIN SAID IN JAKARTA THAT 2 US CONGRESSMEN HAVE BEEN INVITED VISIT E TIMOR TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS INDONESIAN ATROCITIES THERE (WP 3/20).

5. PHILIPPINES

SHARP EARTHQUAKE JOLTED MANILA FOR ABOUT 10 SECS 3/19, CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE AT CLARK AB. SEVERAL BLDGS DESTROYED ON LUZON, LEAST 1 KILLED/8 INJURED (AP SUN, WP; WSTAR, ALL 3/20). MORE THAN 100 AFTERSHOCKS RATTLED LUZON SOME 38 HRS AFTER QUAKE (AP, WP).

GOP GIVES PERMISSION 11 FON BANKS, INCL 5 US, TO DO INTL BANKING IN PHILS. TWO JAPANESE BANKS WILL BE GRANTED SIMILAR LICENSES ONCE JAPANESE FINANCE MIN APPROVES THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERSEAS OPNS IN PHILS. BANKS WON'T BE ALLOWED ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL RETAIL BANKING OR ACCEPT PHIL PESO DEPOSITS (WP, WSJ).

FROM PHILS, WP'S MATHEWS (LAT 3/18) REPORTS ON SOME 600 AMCITS LIVING IN NABUA--SMALL FARMING TOWN IN S LUZON. MANY ARE FORMER SERVICEMEN, WHOSE PENSIONS ENABLE THEM LIVE LIKE KINGS.

6. CHINA

"PD" COMMENTARY (CARRIED BY NCNA) 3/19 CONDEMNED INVASION OF ZAIRE, DENOUNCED SOVS AS BOSS ADVANCING MERCENARY TROOPS (SUN'S WU IN HK 3/20).

PRAVDA" 3/18 CHARGED SINO-SOV RELS STILL POISONED BY "ANTI-SOV FABRICATIONS" TERMED PRC ALLEGATIONS "GANG OF FOUR" SECRETLY SYMPATHIZED W/SOVS ANOTHER SIGN OPPONENTS OF NORMALIZATION SINO-SOV RELS HAVE "TURNED FACTS UPSIDE DOWN TO FAN UP" ANTI-SOV SENTIMENTS (UPI, WP 3/20).

ACCORDING AFP PEKING, POSTERS IN THE PRC CAPITAL ANNOUNCED RELEASE 4/5/76 RIOTERS IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE (NYT 3/19).

IN NEW DELHI, SEVERAL TIBETANS ARRESTED FOR DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE PRC EMBASSY AGAINST CHINESE "OCCUPATION" TIBET, ATTACKING POLICE WITH BAMBOO SPEARS. OTHER DEMONSTRA-

TORS OUTSIDE UN INFO CENTER CALLED FOR UN IMPLEMENTATION
RESOLUTIONS RE TIBET (AFP, WP).

ACCORDING REPORT FROM HK, ANALYSTS BELIEVE UNUSUAL LACK
PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY PRC PROVINCIAL PARTY CHIEFS IN LAST
9 DAYS MAY INDICATE IMPORTANT PEKING MEETING--PERHAPS TO
DISCUSS WITH POLITBURO TENG REHABILITATION. SAME REPORT
NOTES "PD" SIGNALLED PRC'S APPROVAL OF W CLASSICAL MUSIC
IN REPORT ON PERFORMANCE BY CANADIAN BRASS QUINTET (WP
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3/19) SUN, WSTAR (3/19) CARRY AP REPORT ON SWING BACK TO
BOURGEOIS CLASSICS AFTER PERIOD OPPOSITION BEGUN IN '74.

NEWS AGENCIES CITE PRC REPORTS SERIOUS DROUGHT IN SHANSI,
SHANTUNG, HONAN, HOPEH PROVINCES. AP NOTES MOST SEVERE
DROUGHT SINCE '49; ACCORDING TO NCNA, THREATENS WHEAT-
PRODUCING AREAS (AP, WP 3/20; REUTER, NYT 3/20).

SUN'S WU SAYS SEVERE DROUGHT CASTS PALL OVER THIS YEAR'S
GRAIN PRODUCTION. NOTES "PD" REPORT DROUGHT WORST IN
28 YRS. SAYS AFFECTS VAST TRADITIONAL WHEAT GROWING
REGIONS WITH SITUATION SO CRITICAL "PD" APPEALS FOR
ALL-OUT EFFORT COMBAT ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. NOTES
WORST HIT DENSELY POPULATED PROVINCES AND RURAL AREAS
AROUND PEKING/TIENTSIN. PLA ASSISTING; PEASANTS SEEKING
NEW WATER SOURCES. EFFORTS HANDICAPPED BY SHORTAGE OF
COAL/FERTILIZERS IN SOME PROVINCES.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN HK CITES ANALYSTS' VIEWS THAT PRC
ECONOMY'S '76 PERFORMANCE WORST SINCE LATE '60S; BOTH
IND AND AGR PRODUCTION BELOW '75'S. SEVERE DROUGHT IN
WHEAT AREAS AGGRAVATES PROBLEM. SAYS OFFICIAL MEDIA
TERMED DIFFICULTIES "TEMPORARY"/URGED THRIFT/COMPARED
SITUATION WITH DISASTROUS YRS AFTER GREAT LEAP. NOTES
PRC'S PURCHASE AUSTRALIAN WHEAT. ADDS POOR ECON PER-
FORMANCE AT TIME LEADERS PLEDGED IMPROVE LIVING STD/CARRY
REORGANIZE AND REVITALIZE ECONOMY-AND REVIEWS ECONPER-
FORMANCE RECENT YRS (3/20).

WITHOUT PROVIDING STATISTICS, PRC ANNOUNCED SUCCESS IN
LOWERING BIRTH RATE. AP TOKYO NOTES REPORT COMES AT TIME
INDIA QUIETLY ABANDONES HIGH-PRESSURE STERILIZATION PRO-
GRAM (3/20).

HALLORAN (NYT) CITES OKSENBERG'S STUDY OF HUA KUO-FENG
WHICH DESCRIBES HUA AS "RARELY THE PACESETTER BUT NEVER
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THE LAGGARD." SAYS STUDY BY OKSENBERG (NOW MEMBER NSC)

TO BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH BY "CHINA QUARTERLY," FOCUSES ON HUA DURING 49-66 PERIOD, DESCRIBES HUA WORK PATTERN AS REFLECTING MAO IMPRINT AND STATES HUA HAS HAD NETWORK PERSONAL TIES, INCLUDING MAO, SINCE MID '50S (3/20).

WP' MATHEWS NOTES PRC'S RETURN TO STRESS BASIC SCIENCES/ TEST SCORES. SAYS HOW FAR PENDULUM WILL SWING BACK UNCERTAIN BUT NOTES YOUTHFUL HERO OF ACADEMIC REVOLT CHANG TIEH-SHENG NOW BEING ROASTED IN OFFICIAL MEDIA (3/20).

WP (3/20) CARRIES LENGTHY RECOLLECTIONS OF JOHN SEABURY THOMSON ON THE '27 "RAPE OF NANKING." IDENTIFIES THOMSON AS MEMBER FSI CENTER FOR COUNTRY-AREA STUDIES AT DOS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

FROM PEKING, NYT'S SAFIRE WRITES THAT WHILE OTHERS PROBING WEIGHTY POL QUESTIONS, HE DECIDED TRY HANDS AT SIMPLY REPORTING ON COMMOTION AROUND PEKING HOTEL RECENTLY, I.E. THE UPROOTING OF THE TREES. CITES DIFFICULTY IN GETTING FACTS, VARIETY OF ANSWERS ON WHY UPROOTING. SAYS HARD EXPLAIN METAPHOR'S IMPORTANCE IN INTERPRETATIVE REPORTING; IF COULD UNDERSTAND UPROOTING CHANG AN TREES, THEN PARLAY THAT INTO THEORY ABOUT UPROOTING "GANG OF FOUR," ETC.

NYT (3/19) CARRIES LETTER TO ED DTD 3/9 FROM ROC CONSUL GENERAL IN NY KONSIN C. SHAH. SHAH, WHO IDENTIFIES SELF AS ONCE AIDE-DE-CAMP/SECRETARY TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, TERMS NYT STORY OF PERSONAL PAYMENTS TO HEADS OF GOVT BY CIA AND ALLEGATIONS ABOUT CIA PAYMENTS TO CKS "UNDOCUMENTED AND BASELESS." CITES VIEWS FORMER TAIWAN CIA CHIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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RAY CLINE/FORMER MAAG CHIEF GENERAL CICCOLELLA RE ALLEGATIONS PAYMENTS TO CHIANG.

8. INDOCHINA

AP'S ARNETT (WP) REVIEWS WOODCOCK MISSION'S TRIP. NOTES LEFT LAOS W/RAISED HOPES BUT NO SPECIFIC PROMISES. RECOUNTS AUGURIES GOOD FOR VN VISIT SINCE WORD REACHED THEM THAT IF MOTORCADE TIED UP IN TRAFFIC ON WAY INTO HANOI, VN GOVT VIEWING W/DISFAVOR; MOTORCADE ROLLED STRAIGHT INTO CITY. JUDGES ACCOMODATIONS/RECEPTION GOOD THO NO

VISIT NEWS APPEARED LOCAL PRESS/TV/RADIO. SAYS WOODCOCK CONCEDED THAT 1ST DAY TALKS NOT PROMISING DUE TOUGH VN DEMANDS FOR ECON/CONSTRUCTION AID BUT WOODCOCK LATER SAID

HAD "BREAKTHROUGH" WHEN TOLD PHAN HIEN THAT IF DOOR CLOSED, MIGHT BE 10-12 YRS BEFORE US BACK. ARNETT NOTES US PRESS RECEIVED MAXIMUM COOPERATION.

CSM LOOKS AT WOODCOCK MISSION, FINDS SET HEALING TONE. BELIEVES SUCCESS IN HANOI STARTS NEW CHAPTER IN US-VN RELS. OPINES VN PLAYING OWN GAME FOR SELF-INTEREST, BUT IN TURNING OVER US REMAINS, DID NOT LINK W/AID. FORESEES AID ISSUE NOT EASILY RESOLVED, THO ATMOSPHERE IMPROVED. THINKS HARD NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD BEFORE TRADE/OTHER LINKS ESTABLISHED.

ABC-TV'S "GOOD MORNING NEWS" (3/21) NOTES PRES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER 12 BODIES RETURNED. ASKS UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT OTHER MIAS/NORMALIZING RELS.

LOYD (PHINQ) LOOKS OVER RECENT HISTORY BOOKS RE VN WAR, SEES EVIDENCE TRYING PRESENT BOTH POINTS VIEW BUT NO AUTHOR TELLING STUDENTS WAR WAS MISTAKE - "NOT YET."

LEWIS (NYT) QUOTES MARCH 31 "NY REVIEW OF BOOKS" ARTICLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON CAMBODIA TODAY BY LACOUTURE. NOTES DESCRIPTION KILLINGS/BRUTALITY BY INTELLECTUALS SEEKING RETURN COUNTRY TO "RUSTIC GOLDEN AGE" BY SYSTEMATIC MASSACRE/ISOLATION/STARVATION POPULATION. SAYS ARTICLE BASED ON BOOK BY FRENCH PRIEST WHO WAS IN CAMBODIA 12 YRS. STATES US POLICY HELPED BRING ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION. BELIEVES NOT MUCH HOPE AFFECTING PP BY OUTSIDE PROTEST RE HUMAN RTS, BUT OPINES TO REMAIN SILENT IN FACE ENORMOUS BARBARISM WOULD COMPROMISE OWN HUMANITY.

NYT NOTES FRENCH-CANADIAN RC PRIEST GIVES ACCOUNT LIFE IN SVN THAT DESCRIBES WIDESPREAD MISERY/CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE/INCESSANT PROPAGANDA/ENDLESS INDOCTRINATION/ARBITRARY ARREST/EXECUTIONS/IMPRISONMENT/EXILE TO REMOTE AREAS. AGREES W/PRIEST THAT METHODS "ENTIRELY RUSSIAN." FINDS BITTER/INESCAPABLE IRONIES IN REPORT FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSED WAR. NOTES BRITISH MAG'S PARALLEL BETW BOER WAR/VN WAR. CONCLUDES US MAY HVE PLAYED VILLAIN-S ROLE IN VN, BUT HEROES THERE "NEVER EASY TO DISCERN."

9. JAPAN

WP NOTES FUKUDA KEPT JAPANESE AMBS/SENIOR BUREAUCRATS BUSY FOR 6 HRS SUNDAY IN PREPARATION FOR TALKS W/CARTER. PM CONSIDERED BY JAPANESE BETTER PREPARED MEET PRES ON EQUAL

FOOTING THAN ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS EVER WAS. PM SHRUGS OFF "MINOR" DIFFERENCES, SUCH AS LIKELY IMPOSITION EXTRA US TARIFFS ON JAPANESE COLOR TV EXPORTS, AND EXPECTS MTG BOOST LDP'S FAILING POPULARITY IN UPCOMING UPPER HOUSE

ELECTIONS. FUKUDA ALSO WILL BE UNOFFICIAL ASEAN SPOKESMAN WHEN HE ASKS ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED US PRESENCE IN ASIA. MAJOR AREA OF DISAGREEMENT IN TALKS SEEN BE NUKE FUEL REPROCESSING ISSUE, THO PM EXPECTS MAKE CASE "VIGOROUSLY" TO GIVE JAPAN FREER REIGN IN AREA.

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) REMARKS FUKUDA HOPES WIN DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSURANCES ON US' COMMITMENT TO SK, WELL AS IMPORTANT TRADE CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD BOOST LDP'S SAGGING POPULARITY RATINGS BEFORE JULY'S UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS. CONTRASTS CARTER'S "RELATIVELY UNPOLISHED," "COMMON TOUCH" TO VETERAN DIPLOMAT FUKUDA'S "SUAVE" IMAGE. ON HUMAN RTS ISSUE, FUKUDA WILL PROBABLY "POLITELY" APPLAUD CARTER'S HIGH MORAL STANDARDS, WHILE AT SAME TIME HINT AT JAPAN'S RELUCTANCE LET MORALS INTERFERE W/ITS LUCRATIVE WORLD BUSINESS/TRADE RELS. SEIDEN NOTES WILL BE "POLITICAL PLUS" FOR PM IF HE GETS CARTER AGREE OVERRULE OR LESSEN ITC'S RECOMMENDATION FOR 25 PCT TARIFF ON IMPORTED TV SETS.

10. JAPAN/KOREA

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (3/20) SEES KOREA ROLE KEY TOPIC IN CARTER/FUKUDA TALKS. ACCORDING ADMIN SOURCES, WITHDRAWAL ISSUE WILL BE PLAYED DOWN IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER PM'S VISIT. QUOTES US OFFICIAL THAT JAPANESE KNOW IF THEY "COMPLAIN TOO LOUDLY" ABOUT KOREAN PULLOUT, "WE MIGHT ASK THEM TO DO SOMETHING MORE TO HELP PROTECT THEMSELVES." SOURCES INDICATE KOREAN REFERENCE IN JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE PUT INTO DIFFERENT CONTEXT/MADE LESS SPECIFIC THAN WAS AFTER FORD/MIKI TALKS IN '75. SOURCES MAINTAIN THIS WILL BE DONE MORE TO AVOID ANY POL DIFFICULTIES IN JAPAN THAN BECAUSE ESSENTIAL SITUATION HAS CHANGED.

11. GENERAL

WP'S MATHEWS (3/20) SAYS SASSY FEER TESTS LIMITS ASIAN TOLERANCE RE PRESS FREEDOM; TERMS MAGAZINE FRIEND/FOE OF NATIONS WHERE IT WANTS TO BE SOLD. HIGHLIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH SINGAPORE: DETENTION OF TWO FORMER REVIEW CONTRIBUTORS DUE GOVT SUSPICION RE ATTEMPTS BLACK PM'S FEER'S 6-PG DENIAL AND CHARGES OF SINGAPORE'S "GROWING UNCLASSIFIED

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FEER'S 6-PG DENIAL AND CHARGES OF SINGAPORE'S "GROWING

IRRATIONALITY." NOTES CHARGES AGAINST FORMER CONTRIBUTOR

SENKUTTUVAN WHO DISTRIBUTED REPORT OF REVIEW ED DEREK DAVIES' TAPE RECOLLECTION OF OFF-RECORD INTERVIEW WITH SINGAPORE PM. CITES DAVIES' PUBLISHED RESPONSE TO SINGAPORE CHARGES TAPE INTENDED CREATE "ILL WILL AND SUSPICION" BETW LEE AND SINGAPORE. MENTIONS ALSO THAILAND'S EXPULSION FEER CORRESPONDENT AND ASSERTION OF FEER DEPUTY ED RUSSEL SPURR THAT GROWING FEELING WESTERN VALUES DON'T APPLY TO ASIA/AUTHORITARIAN GOVTS RESENT FOREIGNERS OPERATING WAY OWN REPORTERS CAN'T. MATHEWS ADDS BOTH SIDES SEEK MAINTAIN DELICATE BALANCE, BUT ACCORDING SPURR FEER "GOING TO HIT BACK"/HAS BEEN "SILENT TOO LONG." ADDS NEXT MOVE UP TO SINGAPORE.

WP'S SIMONS (3/20) NOTES WESTERN JOURNALISTS FINDING DOORS CLOSING IN ASIA. NON-COMMUNIST SEA GOVTS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNFAVORABLE FOREIGN NEWS REPORTS AND ARE TAKING ACTION AGAINST W JOURNALISTS. COMMUNIST GOVTS NEVER ALLOW PRESS FREEDOM, CITES CASES OF VN/LAOS. DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF JOURNALISTS IN INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, THE PHILS, AND MALAYSIA.
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